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(As Amended by Senate Schedules "A" and "B")

"AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (e) of section 22-344 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (e) (1) No animal importer shall import any dog or cat into this state
7 until such person registers as an animal importer with the
8 commissioner. Such registration shall be on a form as prescribed by the
9 commissioner. Such registration shall require the submission of the
10 following information: (A) The name, mailing address, business
11 address, telephone number and Internet address of such registrant, (B)
12 if such registrant is domiciled out-of-state, the name, Connecticut
13 address and phone number of a Connecticut-based agent for service of
14 process, and (C) the number of animals brought into the state during

15 the prior year by such animal importer and the state or country of
16 origin for each such animal. Such registration shall be accompanied by
17 payment of a fee of one hundred dollars and shall be valid until the
18 December thirty-first following such registration. Such registration
19 shall be renewed annually, in accordance with the provisions of this
20 subsection, provided the commissioner determines that such registrant
21 complies with any requirements provided by the commissioner as to
22 the health, safety and humane treatment of animals that is applicable
23 to animal importers. Such registration shall not be required for any
24 employee or volunteer of a registered animal importer or other person
25 who is required to be licensed pursuant to the provisions of this
26 chapter, provided such employee, volunteer or other person is not
27 otherwise an animal importer. Any person who violates the provisions
28 of this subdivision shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

29 (2) Any animal importer who intends to offer for sale, adoption or
30 transfer any dog or cat at a venue or location that is open to the public
31 or at an outdoor location, including, but not limited to, a parking lot or
32 shopping center, shall provide notice to the Department of Agriculture
33 and the municipal zoning enforcement officer of the town where any
34 such sale, adoption or transfer will occur, not later than ten days prior
35 to such event. Such notice shall state the date for such sale, adoption or
36 transfer event, the exact location of such event and the anticipated
37 number of animals for sale, adoption or transfer at such event. Any
38 person who fails to provide notice as required pursuant to this
39 subdivision shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars per
40 animal that is offered for sale, adoption or transfer at such event.

41 (3) For the purpose of this subsection, "animal importer" means a
42 person who brings any dog or cat into this state from any other
43 sovereign entity for the purpose of offering such dog or cat to any
44 person for sale, adoption or transfer in exchange for any fee, sale,
45 voluntary contribution, service or any other consideration. "Animal
46 importer" includes any commercial or nonprofit animal rescue or
47 adoption, humane relocation or delivery organization that is not

48 otherwise required to be licensed under the provisions of this chapter.

49 (4) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to apply
50 to any animal importer who offers a dog or cat for sale to a pet shop
51 that is licensed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of
52 this section, provided such animal is delivered directly to a pet shop.

53 (5) The Commissioner of Agriculture may inspect any animal
54 imported by an animal importer or any record required to be kept by
55 such animal importer, provided such inspection shall not authorize the
56 entry of the commissioner into the residence of such animal importer.

57 (6) Not later than December 31, 2013, the Commissioner of
58 Agriculture shall prescribe the conditions that constitute the humane
59 treatment of animals that is applicable to animal importers. Such
60 conditions shall include, but not be limited to, the appropriate shelter,
61 availability of food and water and standard of care to be provided by
62 an animal importer to such animals."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	22-344(e)